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LETTER DATED 21 MAY 1999 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I refer to my report of 5 May 1999 on the question of East Timor (S/1999/513) and to Security Council resolution 1236 (1999) of 7 May 1999, by which the Council inter alia, welcomed the Agreements concluded by Indonesia, Portugal and the United Nations on the question and my intention to establish as soon as practicable a United Nations presence in East Timor with a view to assisting in the implementation of these Agreements.

Preparations for establishing a United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET) have begun in earnest. In this connection, I should like to inform the Security Council that, following the necessary consultations, I have decided to appoint Mr. Ian Martin (United Kingdom) as my Special Representative for the East Timor Popular Consultation. Mr. Martin will take up his post towards the end of this month. Mr. Martin brings with him wide-ranging experience in difficult United Nations field operations, which will be of the utmost relevance to the task at hand.

I should be grateful if you could bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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